

CITY HALL
101 South Blvd.
608.355.2700
www.cityofbaraboo.com



Spring /Summer 2023



Spring Election Tuesday, April 4, 2023



ALL City of Baraboo residents vote at the Civic Center, 124 2nd Street.
(For your convenience, please enter at the 1st Street entrance).

Polls are open from 7AM to 8PM.

Please remember to bring your Photo ID.

In-person absentee voting for the Spring Election will be offered at City Hall, 101 South Blvd., beginning Tuesday, March 21 through Thursday, March 30 from 8AM to 4:30PM and on Friday, March 31 from 8AM to 5PM. Please park in the upper parking lot and use the City Hall entrance on Lynn St.

If you wish to have an Absentee Ballot mailed to you, registered voters can visit myvote.wi.gov or print the Absentee Request from the City Clerk's page www.cityofbaraboo.com/clerk. Registered voters have until 5PM on Thursday, March 30 to request an absentee ballot. However, we recommend making your request as early as possible to allow adequate time for mailing. Completed absentee applications can be returned to the Clerk's office either by mail or email. **Please note: Ballots may be returned to City Hall in person during business hours but ballots placed in the night deposit (drop box) will NOT be counted.**

If you need to update your name or address, or are a new Wisconsin voter, you will need to register. If you have a current Wisconsin Driver's License or State ID, you can register to vote online at myvote.wi.gov.

Paper copies of the Voter Registration Form can be found on the City's website. If you return your registration form by mail, please remember to include a copy of your valid form of proof of residency. A list of forms for proof of residence can be found on the back of the Voter Registration Form. In order to register for the Spring Election, all voter registrations after March 15 must be done in the City Clerk's office or at the polls on Election Day. Voter registration in the Clerk's Office will end at 5PM on Friday, March 31. Call the City Clerk's Office with questions at 355-2700.

UPCOMING REMINDERS

Alternate Side Parking

Expires Saturday, April 15, 2023

License Your Pets!

Pet licenses are required by City Ordinance §29.10:

Dog license-Altered \$12.50/Unaltered \$17.50

Cat license-Altered \$8.00/Unaltered \$12.00

Rabies certificate is needed. Online Registration form can be found on the City's website under "Resident" tab.

Please note: \$5.00 late charge is assessed after April 1st.

Baraboo's Big Top Parade

Saturday, June 24, 2023—11AM

Property Taxes-2nd Installment

Due July 31, 2023

Sauk County Treasurer

West Square Bldg. 101 Broadway

(Across the street from historic courthouse)

2023 CALENDAR

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From the Mayor's desk

In 1969, The Rolling Stones taught us that *You Can't Always Get What You Want*. As an elected official, that's a lesson learned early and often.

During my one term on the county board, I was often on the losing side of a disagreement, and while I might not characterize the proceedings as always *cordial*, I do feel that my perspective was generally treated fairly and with respect.

That's a standard I've tried to maintain in my current office. As you may be aware, my veto of a proposed development recently generated a lot of discussion in our community. Many residents contacted their representatives, and others spoke passionately at the subsequent Council meeting. Yet after reconsideration, a majority of the Council voted to override my veto and allow the project to proceed.

That's the way our system of checks and balances works. Just as I felt the need to act according to my conscience, I don't fault any of the alderpersons for following theirs. And while I'm not thrilled with the outcome, one upside is that the episode seems to have renewed the public's interest in the affairs of the City.

Another upcoming opportunity for engagement is the revision of our Comprehensive Plan. Adopted in 2005, this important guiding document is long overdue for an update. With any luck, in the next few months, we will have selected a consultant to help us roll up our sleeves and get the process rolling. State statutes require multiple opportunities for public input, and I hope you'll weigh in with your ideas on housing, transportation, cultural resources, economic development, and other important topics that will shape the future of our community.

Thanks for keeping the shine on our "Gem City"!

-Rob Nelson, Mayor

Recycling (& Refuse) will be picked up on highlighted weeks.

City offices will be closed on the dates in red.

BRUSH will be picked up during the weeks outlined with green borders. Brush needs to be placed for collection on the treebank by 7 AM on Monday morning of each of those weeks.

Visit www.cityofbaraboo.com, or call 355-2730 for pickup dates.

Alternate side parking is in effect October 1st through April 15th, from midnight until 3:00 PM.

For further details, visit www.cityofbaraboo.com.

Development in Baraboo

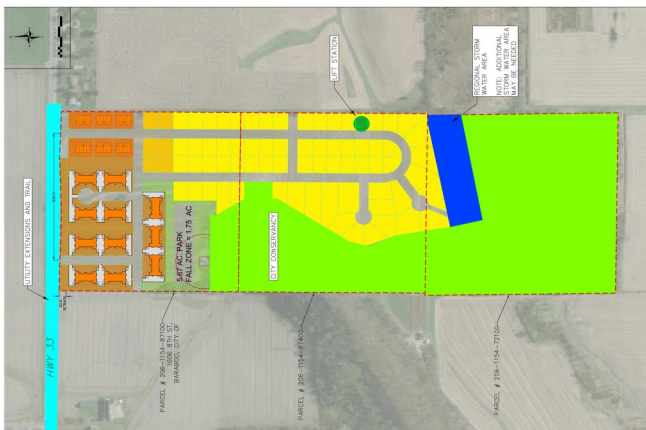
2023 is shaping up to be a busy year for development in the City of Baraboo. In 2021, addressing the housing shortage in Baraboo was identified as a top priority. Due to a lack of housing supply, we have seen home prices rise drastically and the cost of rentals escalate substantially over the past few years. In 2022, we finalized our [Economic Resiliency](#) study that was funded by a grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration. During the Economic Resiliency study, nearly every business that was surveyed identified housing as their biggest challenge to attract new employees and retain their existing employees; however, the grant prohibited addressing housing needs. As a result, we commissioned a [Housing Study](#) that was completed in June of 2022.

Need for Housing—The housing study determined that the City of Baraboo will need to add 2,050 new housing units over the next four years to meet the current demand for housing. This means we should average 450 new housing units per year and in 2022, only 130 new housing units were completed. In 2021, the City of Baraboo had 5,542 housing units and 2,050 would represent an increase of 37%. The housing study also made it very clear that the City needs a wide variety of housing types, so we have focused our efforts on ensuring that new developments provide a variety of housing units ranging from single-family houses to multi-family apartment buildings that are built and priced to appeal to a wide range of buyers and budgets.

So, why there is such a shortage now and what is causing it? That answer is complicated since there are a number of different factors that contribute into this current shortage. The Housing Study looked back at historical numbers and found that from 1940-2009 Baraboo constructed an average of 104 housing units per year. Since 2009, we have only averaged 28 new housing units per year. Based on that, we have been short an average of 76 housing units per year over the last 13 years that meaning of the 2,050 units we need to meet current demand, 988 of those are a result of the below average development we have experienced since 2009. The City is currently working with a number of different developers on projects throughout the City to address this issue.

Projects

Greenfield Reserve—The Greenfield Reserve development, located on the south side of STH 33 (8th Street) a quarter-mile east of CTH T (Taft Ave), started in 2021. Upon completion, this project will have a mix of housing units that includes approximately 176 apartment units, 8 duplexes, and 70 single-family homes. This development is dedicated to market rate housing. There is also a 50-acre conservancy that will be created in this development that will have hiking and biking trails throughout and tie back into the developed areas. In 2023 we anticipate four new 16-unit buildings (64 Units), one duplex, and up to five additional single family homes to be constructed.



Baraboo Riverfront Park Preliminary Conceptual Plan



Riverfront Development -Baraboo Riverfront Redevelopment, located north of Lynn Street between Vine Street and Walnut Street, is a multiyear project that will clean up the residual contamination that may remain in that area. A big part of this project will create a park space on the north side of the alley, along the river that will include an extension of the River Walk to provide an important connection to downtown Baraboo. In 2024, we expect a developer will begin construction of a mixed use development that will consist of two multi-story, multi-family residential buildings on the south side of the alley, one of which will include commercial space along the Walnut Street frontage.



CONCEPT VISUALIZATION



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Downtown Project—The developer is still working on formalizing their project plans and negotiating a Development Agreement with the City. Initial conceptual plans included 174 apartment units and 40,000 sq. ft. of commercial space. There is a potential for this project to start in late 2023, pending the City’s full review and approval.



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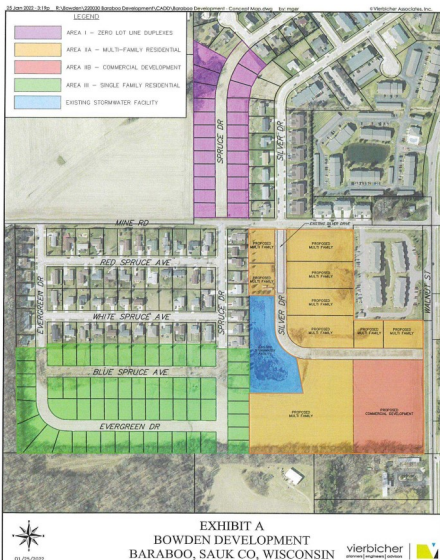


EXHIBIT A
BOWDEN DEVELOPMENT
BARABOO, SAUK CO, WISCONSIN



South Side Development— A Development Agreement for this project, which is located on the west side of Walnut Street and north of Gall Road (on Mine Road, Silver Drive, Spruce Drive, Evergreen Drive, and Blue Spruce Avenue), was finalized in late summer of 2022. This developer is looking at putting up multiple housing types all focused towards entry level, workforce, subsidized, and/or senior housing. The developer estimates this project will include a total of 112 apartment units, 61 single-family houses, and 32 duplexes and could include a couple of commercial buildings. This project is planned to start in 2023.



SIDE ELEVATION

WEST ELEVATION

EAST ELEVATION ALONG LAKE ST



LAKE STREET
TOWNHOME
DEVELOPMENT

Site Area
Building Footprint
Elevations
Building #1

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Devil’s Lake Townhomes—Devil’s Lake Townhomes is a development on Lake Street, near the intersection of Gall Road. This development will contain three buildings with a total of 29 Townhomes to be used as rentals. This project is targeted more toward the “luxury” price range. We anticipate that this project will be completed in the fall of 2023.



Baraboo Bluffs Condominiums—This project is located between Waldo Street and Parkside Avenue. Upon its completion, this development will add 85 condominium units, consisting of a mixture of two-unit and three-unit buildings with a variety of different floor plans. Earthwork for this project was done in 2022 and the developer plans to start construction of the Phase 1 street and utility improvements as well as twelve condominium units.

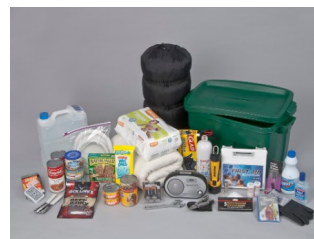
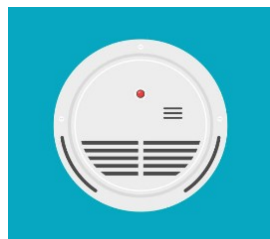


Spirit Lake Development—This project is located just west of Hwy 12 on the south side of CTH W. This mixed-use development will include 240 apartment units on the west side of this property along with multiple commercial properties along the north and east sides of this 54-acre property. The housing units will be put up in phases between 2023 and 2027.

Spring forward safely with tips from Wisconsin Emergency Management

The National Fire Protection Association recommends changing the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors every six months. Alarm sensors can also wear out. It is recommended you replace smoke alarms at least every 10 years and carbon monoxide detectors every five to seven years, or per manufacturer's recommendations.

For more tips on emergency preparedness or what to stock in an emergency kit, visit readywisconsin.wi.gov and wem.wi.gov



Fire and EMS Stations

For the better part of the past decade the City of Baraboo has been working to replace its existing Fire and EMS facilities. In 2021, a couple of different studies were conducted to look not only at the viability of the existing facilities but also the structure we were using to operate our Fire and EMS organizations. At the time the Fire Department was a City Department and EMS was a District that was jointly owned and operated in partnership with all of our surrounding communities. As a result of the studies, it was decided to proceed to combine the Fire Department into a combined Fire and EMS District, as both entities already served a very similar response area. In addition, the combining of services is aimed to provide improved operational efficiencies, resource allocation, and deployment of critical response services. On January 1, 2023, Baraboo Area Fire and EMS District was created and now serves the residents of the Baraboo area. The District is a partnership jointly owned and operated by the City of Baraboo, Village of West Baraboo, Town of Greenfield, Town of Baraboo, and the Town of Fairfield.

The existing Fire/EMS facility is located downtown in the old City Hall Building at 135 4th Street. The old telephone company was purchased and added to the overall complex at some point after 1966. The fire station was originally located in this location. The apparatus bays were built in 1957. City Hall and Police Department were finished in 1966.

Fire calls rely on rapid response requiring open and clear corridors for movement through the station into gear and onto the trucks. Upon returning to the station, the trucks must be maneuvered into the station, gear removed from both personnel and trucks, everything cleaned, maintained and returned to operational readiness as quickly as possible.

The existing station location is landlocked by 5th Street to the North, Ash Street to the East, 4th Street to the South and private property owners to the West. Additionally, the current facility excludes several needs for the fire station, including administrative offices, decontamination spaces, training spaces, as well as insufficient apparatus bays. Due to the site limitations, an addition to the existing facility to incorporate these needs is not feasible.

The project is currently nearing the end of the schematic design phase, which is the initial layout of the buildings. As we went through our first part of design, our in-house team worked with the architect to identify all the space that would be needed in the new facility. This was done based on the equipment that is currently owned by Fire and EMS as well as working in industry standard equipment and layouts that do not exist in the current facility.

When we completed that initial layout our existing facility need was 58,000 square feet. The next step in our process was to tour newer facilities that were of the same design and learn from the building owners what they really liked and what they wish they had done differently. We quickly discovered that no one had built facilities over 40,000 square feet and the one who built at that size said they wish they would have broken the facility into two separate facilities. They are now in a position that they are requesting a new facility in another area of their community so they can better position their equipment where it is most needed. As a result of our facility tours, we have decided to change the proposed request to include two facilities instead of one large facility. ***(Continued on next page)***



STATION NO.1
SCHEMATIC DESIGN - 02.10.2023
HWY 136 & Sauk Avenue
Baraboo WI, 53813
PROJECT NUMBER: 07001



The main Fire/EMS facility is planned to be located on the West side of Baraboo off of State Highway 136 between Burger King and Bachrodt Baraboo Motors. This facility is currently planned to be about 37,700 square feet and will serve as the primary station for the District and will house apparatus bays, apparatus support, training areas, living quarters, administrative and staff support, and an Emergency Operations Center. We are also working with UW-Baraboo Sauk County, Madison College, Sauk County, our local legislators, as well as the Governor's office to bring a regional training center to be co-located at the site with the new main station.

We are anticipating a second satellite station will be constructed at the same time at the intersection of 12th Street and County Highway T on the East side of Baraboo. The second station will be comprised of apparatus bays and support spaces, living quarters and staff support areas with a total square footage of about 12,400.



STATION NO.2

SCHEMATIC DESIGN
Tall Avenue & 12th Street
Baraboo WI, 53003



Other Developments:

Menards Storage Units

Corson Square Renovation

New VA Clinic

Starbucks/Additional Two-Tenant Retail Suite

All together, we have about 1,451 housing units planned to go in over the course of the next several years. While this will represent a significant increase in our housing stock, it is still short by about 600 housing units for the projected demand. We will continue to seek out projects that will help us reach a healthy balance in our housing market to ensure homes in the Baraboo area remain affordable and obtainable for all income levels. You can find a full presentation of all these projects by following this [link](#) or by going to the City of Baraboo website. On the Home Page under Hot Topics near the bottom of the page you will find the Economic Development Report for 2023.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me at cbradley@cityofbaraboo.com
Casey Bradley, City Administrator

Did you know?

Weather Alert Radios are available for \$27.00
(includes tax & batteries) at the City Clerk's Office,
101 South Blvd. We have a limited supply.
Pick yours up today!



Important Local Phone Numbers...

CITY OF BARABOO:

Administrator...355-2715 Airport.....356-2270

Ambulance..Emergency..9-1-1 Non-Emergency.356-3455

Assessor.....920-749-8098 Brush Pick Up....355-2730

Fire.....355-2710 Library.....356-6166

Mayor.....355-2715 Park & Rec.....355-2760

CDA (Community Dev. Auth.) 356-4822

Police...Emergency.....9-1-1 Non-Emergency...355-2720

City Treasurer... 355-2700 Voting.....355-2700

Water Utilities...355-2740

Water Bills, Shut offs, Payment Arrangements.....355-2740

SAUK COUNTY:

Aging & Disability...355-3289 Child Support.....355-3238

Clerk of Court.....355-3287 County Clerk.....355-3286

District Attorney.....355-3280 Humane Society...356-2520

Planning & Zoning...355-3285 Register of Deeds.355-3288

Sheriff...Emergency...9-1-1 Non-Emergency...356-4895

Treasurer.....355-3275

Did you Know?

City Hall has a drive-up window and a night deposit box located at 101 South Blvd. (across from St. Vincent de Paul) for your convenience.

Both are located at the upper parking lot of City Hall at the south-east corner of the building on Lynn Street. After hours, please do not try to pry open the drive-up window drawer and place items in it, as this drawer is not secure. Please place items in the night deposit box after business hours.

You can pay water bills and parking tickets at the drive-up window. If you are not paying with cash and do not need a receipt, please use the night deposit box. During regular office hours, if you need a recycling calendar, newsletter, or are paying with cash, etc., press the call button for service.

Do NOT place absentee ballots in the night deposit box. These ballots will NOT be counted.



STREET/UTILITY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE SEASON

As the 2023 Construction Season begins, please remember to proceed with caution when entering, traveling through, and exiting work zones. Keep your focus on the road and your surroundings, and not on your electronics, lunch, or passengers.

Plan ahead, expect delays. Whenever possible, use alternate routes and avoid the work zone completely. Obey work zone signs. They are in place for both your safety and ours.

2023 National Work Zone Awareness Week April 17-21

"Work With Us"

Let's all work together to make certain both our workers and the traveling public get home safely to their families.

2023 National Public Works Week May 21-27

"Connecting the World through Public Works"

Celebrate and recognize the men and women who dedicate their lives to improving and maintaining our public infrastructure systems.

**Baraboo Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department
2023 WPRA Discount Tickets**

Tickets Sales - 7:30am-4:30pm weekdays only
Mid-May thru September 1st
at the Baraboo Civic Center, 124 2nd Street – Room 17
608-355-2760

WE ACCEPT CASH OR PERSONAL CHECKS (w/VALID DRIVER LICENSE) ONLY, **NO CREDIT CARDS!**

- ❖ Tickets are available to anyone but must be picked up in person only. No phone or mail orders.
- ❖ Prices are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control.
- ❖ No other offer, discount or promotion may be used in conjunction with these tickets.
- ❖ **There are no refunds for unused tickets** – All attractions have individual expiration dates.
- ❖ If you have any questions regarding the ticket program, please ask them prior to buying any tickets.

Attraction Name	Ages	Gate Price	Discount Price	You Save
Noah's Ark Waterpark (Children under 36" Free)	Adult Under 48"	\$54.99 \$44.99	\$35.00 \$35.00	\$19.99 \$ 9.99
Mt. Olympus Theme & Water Park (2 & Under Free)	1 Price	\$34.99	\$10.00	\$24.99
Upper Dells Boat Tour (3 & Under Free)	Adult Age 4-11	\$36.30 \$18.15	\$29.00 \$15.25	\$7.30 \$2.90
Jet Boat Adventures (Children 3 & Under Free)	Adult Ages 4-11	\$36.30 \$18.15	\$29.00 \$15.25	\$7.30 \$2.90
Wisconsin Ducks Tour (3 & Under Free)	Adults Age 4-11	\$36.30 \$18.15	\$29.00 \$15.25	\$7.30 \$2.90
Milwaukee County Zoo (2 & Under Free)	Adults Age 3-12	\$17.75 \$14.75	\$13.50 \$10.50	\$4.25 \$4.45
Pirates Cove Adventure Golf (4 & Under Free)	1 Price	\$11.00	\$ 8.00	\$3.00

Our affiliation with the Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association (WPRA) enables us to offer these discounted tickets



The City of Baraboo Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department is a proud member of the Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association.



Baraboo Transit—Shared Ride Service

Call 608-356-8300 for a ride. Coupon

books are available at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 101 South Blvd., or you may use the Abby Vans App on your smart phone to prepay fares.

**Water Quality Report for
City of Baraboo**

The 2022 Baraboo Consumer Confidence Report can be viewed by scanning this QR Code. Visit the Water & Sewer page on the City's website for current utility rates.

www.cityofbaraboo.com/utilities



Employment Information: Applications for full time, part time, and seasonal city positions are accepted electronically only. To apply visit www.cityofbaraboo.com, select Government tab, and follow directions on the Employment Opportunities page.

City Aldermanic District	Ward	Aldersperson
1	1 & 2	Phil Wedekind—356-8147
2	3 & 4	Tom Kolb—356-6080
3	5 & 6	Bryant Hazard-963-6636
4	7 & 8	Jason Kent—393-9116
5	9	Joel Petty—477-5999
6	10, 11, & 12	John Ellington—963-2183
7	13	Scott Sloan—434-0196
8	14	Heather Kierzek—963-5095
9	15	Kathleen Thurow—356-7916

Aldermanic elections will be held

April 4, 2023 for Districts 1, 4, and 7.

Visit www.myvote.wi.gov to see who is on the ballot for your address. Polls are open on election day from 7AM to 8PM

All City residents vote at the Civic Center, 124 Second St. For an absentee ballot, contact the City Clerk at 608-355-2700.

Maps of the Districts and Wards can be found by visiting www.cityofbaraboo.com

Refuse/Recycling Holiday Pickup

2023	
REGULAR PICK-UP DAY	HOLIDAY PICK-UP DAY
Friday, April 7, 2023	Monday, April 10, 2023
Monday, May 29, 2023	Tuesday, May 30, 2023
Tuesday, July 4, 2023	Wednesday, July 5, 2023
Monday, September 4, 2023	Tuesday, September 5, 2023
Thursday, November 23, 2023	Monday, November 27, 2023
Friday, November 24, 2023	Tuesday, November 28, 2023
Monday, December 25, 2023	Wednesday, December 27, 2023
Tuesday, December 26, 2023	Thursday, December 28, 2023
HIGHLIGHTED DATES INDICATE A RECYCLING WEEK	

If you routinely have extra materials, you may upgrade your cart size or purchase additional carts by calling 355-2730 or on-line at www.cityofbaraboo.com.

* The **GREEN** cart is for recyclable materials. Recyclable materials must be placed loose in cart—**no plastic bags allowed in your recycling cart.** The **BLUE** cart is for household refuse. **At no time may recyclable materials be placed in refuse cart.**

* Carts are to be placed on the tree bank or driveway entrance. Not in the street.

* Carts may be placed curb/alley side after 3:00PM the day before your scheduled pickup. Carts must be removed from curb/alley side once emptied.

* You must leave at least 3 feet of space on all four sides of your cart(s). Carts without 3 feet of spacing on all 4-sides will not be emptied.



GARBAGE



RECYCLING

Water Bill Reminder



Bills are generated four times per year.

Start looking for your postcard size water bill in the mail:

April 1st

July 1st

October 1st

January 1st

Payment Options:

* Drop off at City Hall
101 South Blvd., Baraboo

* Mail to:
City Treasurer
PO Box 760
Baraboo, WI 53913

* Phone: 1-877-885-7968

* Online: cityofbaraboo.com

Debit/Credit Cards

Accepted at City Hall

You may use your debit/credit card for the following:

- Garbage/Recycling Carts
- Parking Tickets
- Water Bills (*phone 877-885-7968*)
- Pet Licenses
- License & Permit Fees
- City Invoices

EXCEPTION:

Property taxes cannot be paid with debit/credit cards



Convenience fee up to 2.75% applies

BRUSH

CITY OF BARABOO'S BRIAR STREET BRUSH DROP-OFF SITE WILL BE ACCEPTING BRUSH BEGINNING APRIL 1ST 2023 AND WILL CLOSE FOR THE SEASON OCTOBER 31ST 2023.

Hours of operation may vary. Be aware of posted signage.
City of Baraboo residency will be verified. HAVE YOUR ID READY.

Non-Resident and contractors are prohibited from using drop-off site.
Unlawful use of site may result in citation.

City of Baraboo residents may also place brush curbside for our monthly brush pickup program. Brush will be picked up the last **FULL** week of each month April through October:
(April 24th, May 22nd, June 26th, July 24th, August 21st, September 25th, October 23rd)

For the safety and efficiency of our brush cleanup process, brush must be stacked neatly with cut ends facing the same direction. Property owners not meeting these requirements may be required to re-stack the brush pile set out for pickup. Whenever possible, make a few separate piles that are able to be picked up by a single person. Please stack brush in a location where it is accessible to

Public Works crews, and does not impede vision of motorists or block pedestrian walkways.

Please avoid stacking it close to fire hydrants and sign posts.

Monthly brush pickup is intended for typical residential yard cleanup and is not intended as a lot clearing or tree removal service. The City will **NOT** pick up brush that was placed by a contractor. Contractors are responsible for the disposal of tree waste that they generate.

Please do not mix yard waste with brush to be picked up. Brush piles containing yard waste, trash, lumber, or other debris will not be picked up by City staff.

Yard waste can be dropped off at 407 Briar Street behind the old Public Works Facility.

CORRECT



INCORRECT



WOOD CHIPS & MULCH

When available, the City of Baraboo offers wood chips created by our brush pickup program at no cost. The City will provide loading for customers who choose to contract a hauler to haul wood chips in bulk. Customers doing so must schedule loading in advance with the Public Works Dept. Please call 608-355-7383 to schedule a pickup.

COMPOST

As part of our leaf pickup and yard waste recycling program, the City of Baraboo is able to create a compost product and offer it to the City of Baraboo residents at no charge. **Proof of residency may be required prior to loading.** When available, the compost will be located near the leaf and yard waste disposal pile, to the left of the wood chip pile. We're sorry, bulk hauling or loading by City personnel not available with compost.

Leaves & Yard Waste

Leaf pickup is scheduled to begin April 17th and continue until May 19th. Leaves must be placed un-bagged on the treebank free of debris such as rocks, stumps, and other yard waste. During leaf cleanup, please be certain that leaves are accessible by keeping piles away from vehicles, trailers, trees, and signs. Leaves and brush must be placed separately for pickup. Comingled piles will not be picked up.

Collection will begin in Monday's refuse collection district. After completing collection in Monday's area, crews will move into the Tuesday district, then Wednesday's district, followed by Thursday's and then Friday's refuse collection districts. Upon completion of Friday's refuse district, crews will begin the cycle again in Monday's district. This rotation will continue until May 19th.

This service is intended purely for leaf pick-up. Our leaf vacs are incapable of picking up yard waste such as potted plants and garden materials. Those materials must be dropped off at the City of Baraboo Compost Site located at 407 Briar Street behind the old Public Works Garage.

Curbside leaf collection only occurs during certain times in the Spring and Fall. During non-pickup times, residents may dispose of leaves at the City of Baraboo Compost Site. Leaves and yard waste must be free of trash and other foreign debris. If material is bagged, you must empty the contents on the appropriate pile and take the bags with you.

At no time may leaves, grass clippings, brush, or other yard waste be deposited on the street or alley. Not only does it impact ground and surface water quality, but it is also prohibited by Ordinance §8.15.

Residential Swimming Pool Regulations

Summer is around the corner and the City of Baraboo would like to remind you of some regulations regarding residential swimming pools. If you intend to have an aboveground pool, temporary pool, or portable pool in your yard, please keep in mind the following:

- A permit is required for all pools with a water depth of more than 18 inches and fencing/covering/draining requirements apply to any pool with a water depth of more than 12 inches.
- Permits for the installation of any pool or alterations to an existing pool have an application fee of \$60.00.
- Permits need to include the following information:
 - 1) Location of the pool on the lot. Required setbacks are 10 feet from property lines and pools cannot be in a front yard.
 - 2) Pools need to be located at least 3 feet from any water/sewer service.
 - 3) Fences are required around pools with a minimum height of 5 feet that completely enclose the pool or have a rigid ASTM F1346-01 grade cover when not in use. A fence cannot be closer than 3 feet from the pool.
- Pools need to be clear of any overhead wiring.
- If pool requires electrical hook up, all power to the pool needs to be run safely within building code and requires a separate permit.
- Any lighting for night use shall illuminate only the pool.
- Portable pools need to be fenced or covered unless drained daily after use. This includes "kiddie pools" if deeper than 12 inches.

Further questions, please contact the City of Baraboo Building Inspector, Megan Krautkramer, 608-355-2700 or by email mkrautkramer@cityofbaraboo.com



Homeowners: Are you struggling to afford rising utility costs? Habitat for Humanity of Wisconsin River Area offers affordable home repairs and accessibility modifications through no-interest repayment plans as well as grant assistance when available. They also provide free home health & safety assessments for seniors and disabled persons, and have a modular ramp program to improve access to your home. Veterans: Habitat is a VA Certified Builder, with access to additional funding sources to help you offset the cost of repairs. For more information, contact Roy at (608) 370-4286, email roy.hfhwra@gmail.com, or visit the housing office at 1211 8th Street in Baraboo.



City of Baraboo Open Burning Regulations

The following are excerpts from the City of Baraboo Municipal Code for outdoor burning:

Burning of leaves, branches, and other materials prohibited:

No person shall burn or cause to be burned any leaves, grass, wood, rubbish, waste, recyclable paper products, recyclable cardboard, painted wood, pressure treated lumber, and/or any material made of in whole or in part or coated with rubber, plastic, leather, or petroleum-based materials, and/or products containing flammable materials or other combustible material.

Campfire or Recreational Fire Regulations:

Recreational fires and cooking fires are permitted so long as they comply with each of the following conditions:

- Flames shall not exceed four feet in height;
- Fire does not cause a public nuisance prohibited by Municipal Code Chapter 10;
- Enclosure or pit shall be no greater than 30 inches in diameter at its greatest width;
- All such burning shall be constantly supervised and personally attended by a responsible adult until the fire is completely extinguished;
- Wind speed does not exceed 8 miles per hour;
- In relation to one- and two-family dwellings, except for barbecue, gas, and charcoal grills, no such burning shall be undertaken within 15 feet of any combustible material, combustible wall or partition, exterior window opening, exit access or exit unless authorized by the Fire Chief;
- In buildings with three or more dwelling units, no burning shall be undertaken within 25 feet of any combustible material, combustible wall or partition, exterior window opening, exit access or exit unless authorized by the Fire Chief.

If there is a violation of this municipal code, you may be subject to costs associated to fire department response.

Please follow link below to review Regulation of Burning, Section 5.13 of Baraboo Municipal Code Ordinances: www.cityofbaraboo.com/

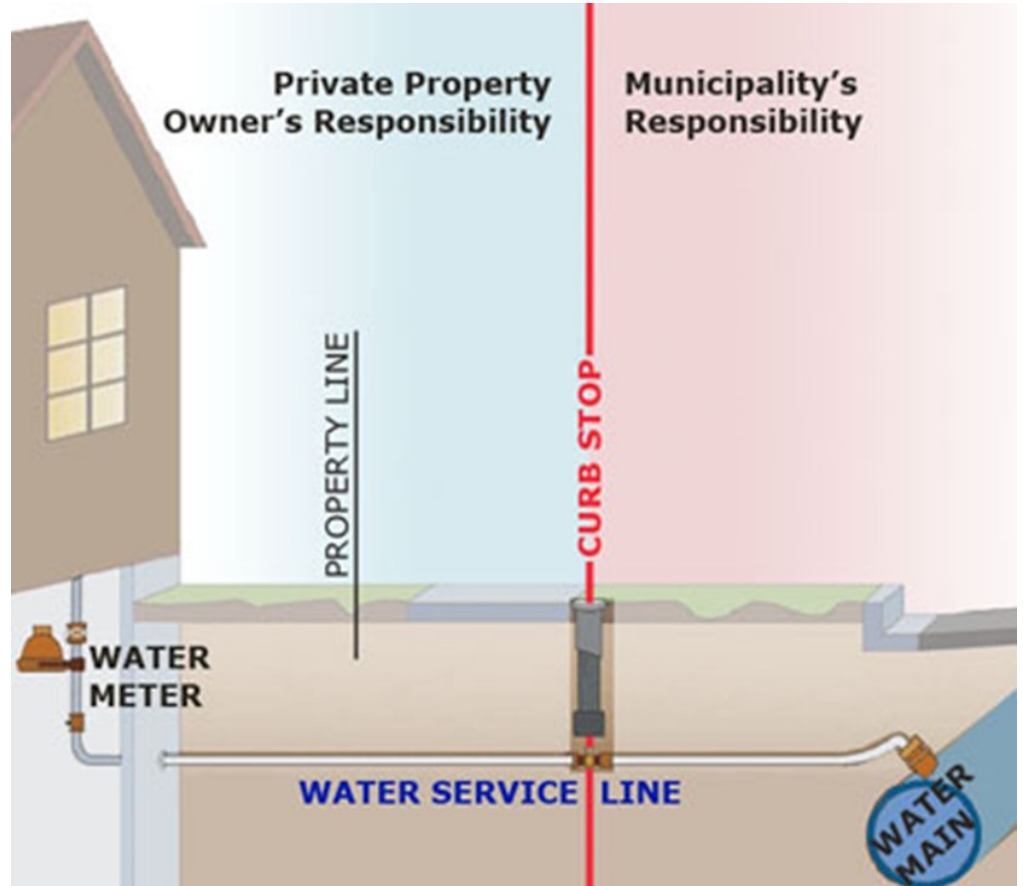
Water Service Identification – Homeowner Side

The Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) now require the Water Utility to inventory and track the pipe material type of the **private side** (home owner) of the water service.

There are two options to complete the inventory: On-site inspection or a website survey.

For the onsite inspection call the Utility office at 608-355-2740 or email us at DL-Water@cityofbaraboo.com to set up an appointment. Our hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This pipe material verification should take no more than 10 minutes.

To complete the website survey, go to the City's website: www.baraboowi.gov. Click on the button.



Fire Hydrants

The Water Utility greatly appreciates all the help our customers did assisting us with cleaning the snow from around the fire hydrants this last winter!!

Hydrant flushing is a process the Water Utility undertakes in the spring, summer and fall. This process is necessary to remove sediment and improve drinking water quality. To flush the system, fire hydrants are opened and water is forced through the lines at high speeds, cleaning the pipes and removing the sediments that can affect the taste and color of our drinking water. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Baraboo Water Utility at 608-355-2740.

Flushing the water system on a routine basis removes sediment from lines and keeps the entire distribution system refreshed. The process of periodically "flushing" fire hydrants, however, is an important preventive maintenance activity in the City of Baraboo.

Although it may appear to waste water, this process is part of a routine maintenance program necessary to maintain the integrity of the water system and to continue to deliver the highest quality water possible to our customers. As a result of the flushing procedure, residents in the immediate vicinity of the work area may experience temporary discoloration of their water. This discoloration consists primarily of harmless silt and precipitates and does not affect the safety of the water.

If you experience discoloration in your water after crews have been flushing in your neighborhood, clear the pipes in your own home by running all water faucets for a minute or two.

Have you met the Baraboo Civic Center?

The Baraboo Civic Center, open Monday thru Friday from 7am-9pm has a lot to offer. Groups of 2 to 300 have hosted events such as birthday parties, classes, meetings and special events with us. Rates are affordable and include tables and chairs set to your needs. Wi-Fi is available as well as coffee pots, easels, projectors, screens, podium w/ microphone, and more.

Weekend rentals are available with at least a 7 business day notice and an additional \$25 per hour Supervisor Fee.

We also have a large office space available for long term lease with 3-4 employee work stations, as well as a smaller office for 1-2 people available. Contact the Parks & Recreation office at 608-355-2760 for complete information or to discuss your lease with us.

2023 Civic Center Room Rates	Non-Profit Groups	For Profit Groups
Small Meeting Room	\$15/hour	\$20/hour
Large Meeting Room	\$20/hour	\$25/hour
Gym	\$30/hour	\$35/hour
Use of Kitchen, TV/DVD or Projector	\$10/hour each with room rental	\$15/hour each with room rental

Don't forget to check out the Fitness Center located on the ground floor of the Civic Center. The Cardiovascular room offers aerobic equipment such as tread mills, elliptical cross trainers, stair climbers, and recumbent bicycles as well as various circuit weight training equipment. The weight room is equipped with free weights and machines for both novice and experienced lifters alike.

	Resident	Non-Resident	Student/Senior Resident	Student/Senior Non-Resident
Daily	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5
Monthly	\$25	\$30	\$20	\$25
6 Month	\$100	\$125	\$75	\$100

Picnic Shelter Rental Dates Are Filling Fast!

Baraboo's beautiful parks are great places to host all types of events. We have shelters of all sizes that may be reserved up to one full year in advance of the current day's date, with payment. All rental requests are processed through the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department office in Room 17 of the Civic Center.

Shelters currently available for rental are:

<u>OCHSNER PARK</u> Main Shelter (capacity 100) \$85 / \$105 R Band Stand (capacity 30) \$75 / \$95 20' x 40' Shelter (capacity 60) \$75 / \$95 <u>STEINHORST PARK</u> (capacity 40) \$75 / \$95 R <u>PIERCE PARK</u> (capacity 40) \$75 / \$95 R <u>STATZ PARK</u> (capacity 40) \$75 / \$95 R	<u>MAXWELL-POTTER CONSERVANCY</u> Greg Wise Shelter (capacity 100) \$85 / \$105 R <u>MARY ROUNTREE PARK</u> (capacity 40) \$75 / \$95 R <u>LANGER PARK</u> (capacity 40) \$75 / \$95 R <u>CITY VIEW PARK</u> (capacity 40) \$75 / \$95 R <u>CAMPBELL PARK</u> (capacity 40) \$40 / \$60 (Shelters with restrooms are noted with R; rates are noted as resident/non-resident) <u>GAZEBOS at Weber, Mary Hoppe Felts, Deppe, Kiwanis, and Ritzenthaler Parks</u> \$40 / \$60
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Cancellation Policy: If a shelter reservation is canceled at least 7 days in advance, in writing, a 50% refund of the shelter fee will be given. We will make every effort to reschedule your event. No refunds for cancellations due to weather. Smoking/vaping and glass are not allowed in any park. Parks are closed from 10PM-6AM.

2023 Ochsner Zoo Summer Updates - The

Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department manages a 3-acre zoo at Ochsner Park. The zoo was first opened in 1926, and over the last 14 years more than \$1 million has been invested in the zoo (all through grants and donations). The zoo has more than doubled in size, along with more animals being housed, interactive programming and many special events aimed to educate visitors and provide homes for animals that cannot be released in the wild. All of this without adding tax levy dollars has been rewarding for Park Department administration. Thanks to generous donors—individuals, businesses, organizations and foundations, as well as the Friends of the Baraboo Zoo—we are able to continue to upgrade the (almost 100 year old) zoo.

Volunteers—Our volunteer pool has skyrocketed! Many tasks at the zoo are expertly handled by our volunteers under staff supervision, which allows us to expand our visitor services without impacting our tight budgets. The Zoo Docent Program, overseen by the Friends of the Baraboo Zoo, has been a major impact to the mission of expanding education outreach to the community and our visitors. Thanks to our many docent volunteers who spend their free time giving visitors a closer look at the animals in our zoo.

2023 Summer Interns—Welcome Ryan and Kayla, who will be joining our three regular zookeepers and volunteers over the summer while they continue to pursue their degrees at area colleges. Our intern program began 11 years ago by the Parks Department Director as a way to partner with area colleges to offer students studying the animal care field an opportunity for hands—on experience while earning credit at their school. Many of our interns have continued their careers and noted a great experience at Ochsner Park Zoo.

Special Events - Our daily Keeper Chats are held at different exhibits three times daily; Zoo Crew, which is an annual event organized by the Friends of the Baraboo Zoo has raised thousands of dollars for zoo improvements over many years.

Admission to Ochsner Zoo is FREE—Hours are 9am-5pm during the spring and fall months and 9am-6pm in the summer. The zoo houses over 24 different species of animals. Donations are appreciated in the donation boxes which are located throughout the zoo, and assist with our rising costs to provide food and medical care to our animals, most of whom would not have a home without your support. Thanks for supporting the zoo and our animals!

2023 Summer Park Projects-The Parks, Recreation,

and Forestry Department continues to make several improvements and upgrades to City Parks, while adding additional park amenities when the budget allows. Requests from our residents are collected every five years during our community surveys to identify priorities that taxpayers ask for. We work to write grants or solicit donations to reduce or eliminate any requests for taxpayer funding.

Oak Street Overlook/ADA Path— This was listed as #2 on the 2021 community survey of most wanted projects in City Parks for the next five years. 92% of participants asked the city to create a connection from downtown Baraboo to the Riverwalk through the Oak Street corridor, making improvements to the Overlook at the same time.

Alma Waite funds were received for an engineering study and preliminary design of the site. Unfortunately, we could not use the existing bridge abutment as part of the overlook. To eliminate injury and City taxpayer liability, we have removed the abutment. A \$500,000 federal appropriation award was received to continue work on the project and we are in the process of writing several grants to begin Phase 1 of construction. The project intends to be built using TIF and Park Impact Fees, along with donations and with no tax levy monies planned for construction.

When completed, there will be an ADA path connecting downtown to the Riverwalk at Kiwanis Park. The Overlook over Kiwanis Park will have panoramic views of the River and a park below, along with landscaping and historic signage including reference to the High Street Bridge and dams of the area. A parking lot will be added to serve those wishing to access the river, parks, and businesses in the area. Keep watching as we continue to improve the Water Street area.

Attridge Park upgrades are on schedule to begin this summer! Residents identified this project in the top five wish list for the 2016 Community survey. The new splashpad will break ground soon and will be ready for use in 2024. Also, a new restroom/shelter will be constructed between the splashpad and volleyball courts, just off the riverwalk bridge. After a successful grant writing campaign bringing in over \$300,000 along with donations from the community bringing in another \$300,000, we are finally able to work on the project! Watch our Facebook page for continued updates.

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Park Projects Continued...

Riverwalk Bridge—The Riverwalk bridge between lower Ochsner and Attridge Parks is receiving new decking this year. After past flooding and weathering deteriorated several of the planks, parks staff is replacing the custom milled planks to maintain the historic look and improve safety on the bridge.

Campbell Park—The master plan design of Campbell Park is complete. Many amenities in the park are past their normal lifespan and have had requests for replacement. While funding has been difficult to find, many items remain high on community survey priorities from residents. Replacement of swimming pool was #4 on the 2021 survey with 84% asking us to prioritize a new pool. New pickleball courts continue to be our fastest growing request, and Campbell seems to be a good location. The skatepark has been our target for renovations for years, until a local skateboard group asked us to hold off on repairs of the existing facility so that they could raise money for a new skatepark. The new master plan includes the skatepark designed by local skaters and encourages continued fundraising efforts. The playground is set to be replaced with more inclusive and attractive equipment. This project is being presented to elected officials who will discuss how to fund these improvements so we can continue to consider resident requests in the park.

Chief Naaga Kerimani Park—Trail building continues at the new 56-acre park and conservancy on the far east side just off of Hwy 33. Volunteers continue to add to the off road bicycle trails and work on the hiking trails. Grants have been submitted for new interpretive signage to tell the story of the important Ho-Chunk leader that the park is named for as well as the culture and history of the nearby village that used the area as their hunting and farming grounds before Baraboo became a city. We're planning a big celebration this fall and you are invited to help us dedicate the new park and trails. Follow us on Facebook for updates.

These are only a few of the exciting park projects coming your way. Be sure to participate in community surveys and attend our public input sessions as we compile the information you give us for future projects. Thank you to all our staff, volunteers, committee members, donors, residents, and park users for helping us continue our goals for future park amenities.

Baraboo Parks, Recreation, and Forestry is Hiring

Applications are being accepted for summer staff including swimming pool lifeguards, seasonal park maintenance, sports referees and scorekeepers, and recreation instructors. For information on these jobs and to apply, visit cityofbaraboo.com

Campbell Park Outdoor Swimming Pool

The Campbell Park Pool will be open this summer beginning Saturday, June 3, 2023.

Hours for open swim throughout the summer will be Monday through Friday 1pm to 5pm and 6:30pm to 8:30pm, and Saturday and Sunday 1pm to 7pm.

Swimming lessons will not be offered this summer at Campbell Park Pool. Those in need of swimming lessons can contact Baraboo School District or other area swimming pools.

Aqua Zumba and Water Aerobics will still be offered along with some new fun events and programs. Pool passes will be available for purchase starting in May. Follow Baraboo Parks, Recreation, and Forestry on Facebook and our webpage cityofbaraboo.com/parksandrecreation for updates on adult lap swim, private rental information, and all other Campbell Park Pool happenings.

Recreation Programs—Baraboo Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department has many great program offerings this spring include Youth Flag Football, Youth Soccer, Middle School Tennis, Kids Night Out events, Baseball Nerds: Stats & Scorekeeping, Grandparents & Grandkids Pizza & Bingo event, and Gathering of the Huggables event. Summer offerings are Tot Lot, Art in the Park, Adult Sand Volleyball, Adult Slow Pitch Softball, and Youth Tennis programs, along with new You and Me and Summer Fun Day events. More information on Baraboo Parks, Recreation, and Forestry programs can be found on our website.

Baraboo Community Garden—Located in Attridge Park on 2nd Avenue at Island Court, the Community Gardens offers garden plots to community residents. Garden plot rentals are effective May 1—October 31 and include shared use of garden tools, water (with hoses available to share) and Master Gardener-led Garden Talks. Garden plots are available on a first come-first served basis with a limit of two plots per address. Cost to reserve a plot are \$25 for residents and \$35 for non-residents with both ground and raised plots available. Plots are available to reserve beginning April 1.



230 4th Avenue, Baraboo, WI

608-356-6166

www.csmpl.org

Library Building Construction Update from Director Jessica Bergin: Construction is progressing on schedule for the new library addition. The exterior of the addition is mostly complete, and finishing work on the interior is underway. The library will be closed for a few weeks in May while we move into the new addition (details to come). Volunteer opportunities will be available to help with the move; contact the library if you would like to lend a hand.

After library operations have moved into the new addition, renovation of the original Carnegie building side of the library will begin, which we expect to be complete in October. During this time access to our adult book collections will be limited. We will reopen the completed library building and have a grand reopening ceremony in October/November of this year. Thank you citizens of Baraboo for your support on this project; we look forward to celebrating when our beautiful new library is finished!

Summer Library Program (All Ages-children, teens, and adults): The Summer Reading Program runs June 12-Sept 1. This year's theme is "Baraboo is Better Together." The library will host free programs for all ages throughout the summer. This year we celebrate our community coming together to enjoy the summer and foster a love of reading for all ages.

Our all-ages programs this summer include: a multigenerational book club, hoop dancing with Hoop Elation on Thursday, July 20 at Ochsner Park at 5:30PM, and our annual clown workshop on Thursday, August 24 at 10AM in our new library space. Details about these events and future events will be available at the library and on our website (www.csmpl.org) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/baraboopl) in May. Spend the summer with us!

New this year, our READO program will be available for all ages (children, teens, and adults). READO is a bingo game that invites members of the community to read in fun places and in unique ways. Readers will be able to earn prizes by completing the rows and columns on their READO cards.

Youth Programs

Programs for Young Children (Ages 0-5): This summer we are offering four weekly programs for ages 0-5. Starting Monday, June 12, join us in the Youth Services department for playgroup from 5-7PM, for ages 0-5. Babygarten will take place in the story time room from 11-11:30AM on Tuesday mornings, for ages 0-2. Stories in the Park will take place on Wednesday mornings at Ochsner Park from 10-11AM, for ages 2-5. Storytots, for ages 0-5, will meet in our story time room on Thursdays from 2-3PM. Free.

Programs for School-Aged Children: This summer we are offering three weekly programs for school-aged children. A weekly program for children in grades 4-5 will take place on Tuesday afternoons from 2-3PM in our story time room, and a weekly program for children in grades 1-3 will take place on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3PM in our story time room. A bi-weekly STEM program for children in grades 1-5 every other Friday afternoon. Free.

Programs for Teens (Grades 6-12): Every Tuesday is Teen Tuesday at the library! Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join our activities beginning Tuesday, June 13 and go all summer long. These events are free and no registration is necessary. Weekly programs will include crafts, games, volunteer projects, video games, and more! We will also be hosting weekly Teen Dungeons & Dragons, Magic: The Gathering, and other board games weekly in the story time room on Thursdays from 4-6PM. Bring your group, campaign, or team, and join in on the fun! For more information on teen services and programs contact Beth at 356-6166 or by email at beth@csmpl.org. Free

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Library News Continued...

Summer Volunteer Opportunity for Middle and High School Age Youth: Middle and high school students who are interested in volunteering to help with the summer reading programs can pick up an application at the library or at www.csmpl.org starting March 27. Return applications to Cari Jo at the library by Friday, April 14 at 6PM.

Programs for Adults

Ask an Arborist: Tree Planting: Attendees can enter to win a tree seedling! The presentation will take place on Thursday, March 30 at 6:00PM, room 12/14 of the Baraboo Civic Center, 124 2nd St. This program is co-sponsored by Powered Up Baraboo, the Chief River Nursery Company, and the Baraboo Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department. Free.

Spring Piano Duet Concert: One piano, four hands, featuring the library's own Zach Ott and retired librarian Gretchen Roltgen. The duo will play a lively mix of classical favorites and popular works. The concert will be held at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 131 6th Ave., Baraboo, Friday, April 21, at 6:30PM. This program is co-sponsored by the First Congregational United Church of Christ. Free.

Baraboo Seed Library: The Seed Library opens April 1. The seeds will be categorized, alphabetized, and browseable in our repurposed card catalog near the main service desk on the first floor of the library. To participate, simply look through the available seeds, fill out a slip, take your seeds, and enjoy! Limit five seed packets per household. Free.

Baraboo Buds Garden Club: For gardeners of all experience levels, meetings on the second Tuesday of the month in Room 12/14 at the Baraboo Civic Center. Register by completing the one-time registration form on the library website or by calling the library at 608-356-6166 to be part of the email list and receive meeting updates and newsletters. This spring and summer, The Baraboo Buds club will be collaborating with the Sauk County Master Gardeners Association, starting with a Seed Starting Workshop April 11 at 6:30 PM, room 12/14 of the Baraboo Civic Center, 124 2nd St. Free.

Wisconsin Author Talk: Library book group "Tuesdays with Murder" will host Wisconsin mystery author Patricia Skalka on June 20 for an in-person book talk. She is the author of the popular Dave Cubiak Door County mystery series. Location TBA. Free.

Adult Summer Reading Activities: Starting June 12, every Monday from 5-6PM adults can participate in weekly activities, featuring crafts, food tutorials, movement, and Spanish language conversation practice. Adult readers can also fill out their READO cards to win fun prizes at the end of the summer. Free.

Call for Crafty, Handy, and Other Volunteers: On June 17 the library will hold a Repair Workshop, where people can bring in items they want to get repaired, and local knowledgeable folks can help fix them by appointment. We need crafty, handy folks who are willing to volunteer their time and expertise to help with this event.

On August 19, we will hold a "Living Library." During this event, people can "check out" human "books" to learn about their experiences. This is based off of the idea of a Human Library (humanlibrary.org/), whose goal is to dismantle stereotypes and prejudices by creating a space for open dialogue between people who might not ordinarily talk to each other. We are looking for "living books" who could be available to talk with people by appointment about their unique experiences. Please contact the library if you think you might be able to help with either of these programs, or if you have any other skills you might want to share for future library programming (crafts, talents, etc.)!



The mission of the Baraboo Police Department's "Coffee with a Cop" is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve. Please follow our Facebook page for announcements on event dates and times. We hope to see you there!



La misión del "Café con un policía" del Departamento de Policía de Baraboo es romper las barreras entre los agentes de policía y los ciudadanos a los que sirven. Por favor, siga nuestra página de Facebook para los anuncios sobre las fechas y horas de eventos. ¡Esperamos verle allí!



Welcome Spring!!

With warm temperatures and sun comes grass and weeds. Please remember to maintain your lawn, keeping grass less than 12 inches and free of invasive plants.

Please comply with City of Baraboo Ordinance §10.09 to avoid our contracted lawn care service from having to maintain it at your expense.



"No-Mow May" is designed to provide food sources for bees and other pollinators during the month of May, when they are particularly vulnerable. The City of Baraboo shall encourage the cultivation of food sources for bees and other pollinators by suspending enforcement of height restrictions for vegetative growth contained in Chapter 10 of the Municipal Code during the month of May, 2023.

Please note that normal/yearly tall grass/weed enforcement will be in effect after June 1st.



Sauk County will be holding a
Compost bin & Rain barrel
Pre-order sale

Pre-order deadline: April 16, 2023

All orders will be taken online only via debit or credit card.
There will be no walk up purchases available at the distribution location.

Orders must be picked up on
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Baraboo City Services Center
450 Roundhouse Court Baraboo, WI 53913



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Sauk County has reduced the frequency of Clean Sweep to September of each year.

If in the meantime, if you have items to dispose of, you can safely dispose household hazardous waste through a cooperative program between Dane County and Sauk County. Vouchers are available for \$10 from the Sauk County Land Resources and Environment Department which allow access to the Dane County Clean Sweep site just southeast of Madison. Limit of one voucher per resident each year. For program details, call 355-3245 or visit **www.co.sauk.wi.us/landconservation/clean-sweep** for a full list of other recycling and disposal options.



What is FOG?

Fats, oils and grease (FOG) are found in food scraps, meat fats, lard, oil, margarine, butter, sauces and dairy products. FOG is commonly associated with fried goods and baked goods prepared at home or in a good establishment. When FOG is not disposed of properly, it can clog your homes plumbing as well as city sewers.

Why should FOG matter to you?

When washed down a sink or drain, FOG builds up over time and can cause a blockage in your drains, pipes and in sanitary sewers. Blockages lead to increased costs to maintain private plumbing, our sewers, the wastewater treatment plants and public and private property.

- **Neighborhood:** Plumbing and sewer backups can result in property damage and various code violations. These backups can also create hazardous and unhealthy conditions.
- **Environment:** Clogged sewers can cause raw sewage overflows, which release untreated sewage into our rivers and streams. Sewer overflows make waterways unsafe for recreation, and they threaten the fish and other aquatic life that live in our rivers and streams.
- **Quality of Life:** Sewer backups and clogs attract insects and vermin, resulting in undesirable and unhealthy living conditions.

How can you reduce FOG in our sewers?

- Pour cooking fat or grease into a small container. Once it cools or solidifies, place it in the garbage.
- Don't dispose of FOG into food waste disposers, sinks, toilets, or floor drains.
- Dispose of greasy solid waste in the trash.
- "Dry wipe" pots, pans and other dishes before washing to minimize the amount of FOG and solids washed down the drain. Do not put used cooking oil, oil-based paints, motor oil, solvents or other chemicals down sewer lines or storm drains. Large quantities of home cooking oil from fryers should be poured back into the original oil containers. Educate others on the damage that FOG can cause.

Spread the word

You can help educate others about FOG by sharing this information with friends and neighbors. The Baraboo Water Utility is working hard to improve Baraboo's water quality by informing residents and businesses of ways to reduce water pollution, sewer backups and improve the quality of life for those who live and work here.



Apply to become a Paid-per-Call Firefighter TODAY!



ARE YOU READY??

www.baraboofireandems.com
Call 608-356-3455 with questions





**RECYCLE OFTEN.
RECYCLE RIGHT.**



Recycle ONLY bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.

Recicle SOLO botellas, latas, papel y cartón.



Plastic Bottles & Containers
Botellas y envases de plástico



Food & Beverage Cans
Latas de alimentos y bebidas



Paper
Papeles



**Flattened Cardboard
& Paperboard**
Cartón y cartulina aplastados



Food & Beverage Cartons
Cartones de alimentos y
bebidas



Glass Bottles & Containers
Botellas y frascos de vidrio

NEVER Include the items below in your recycling.

NUNCA Incluya los siguientes elementos en su reciclaje.



NO Food Waste
(Compost instead!)

Residuos de comidas
(¡úselos para compostaje!)



NO Loose Plastic Bags & Film
(Find a recycling site at
plasticfilmrecycling.org)

NO bolsas ni envolturas de
plástico sueltas
(Busque un sitio de reciclaje en
plasticfilmrecycling.org)



NO Bagged Recyclables
NO se pueden reciclar
en bolsas



NO Foam Cups & Containers
(Check RecycleMorePlastics.org
for options)

NO asos y contenedores
de poliestireno
(Vea opciones en
RecycleMorePlastics.org)



NO Needles

Ask your pharmacist or doctor about options, or use
a safe disposal container such as Waste Management's
MedWaste Tracker® box.

Agujas

(Consulte a su farmacéutico o médico acerca de las
opciones, o use un recipiente de desecho seguro como
el de Waste Management Caja MedWaste Tracker®.)

**For more information, contact
Waste Management at
(888) 960-0008 Or visit
RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com**

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Most Common Contaminants Keep these common contaminants OUT of your recycling bin.



NO RECYCLABLES IN PLASTIC BAGS

Empty loose recyclables in bin but leave the plastic bag out.



NO FOOD & LIQUIDS

Compost instead! Otherwise it belongs in the trash.



NO ELECTRONICS & SMALL APPLIANCES

Donate if in good condition, or schedule a bulky item pickup, if available. Check RecycleMorePlastics.org for a local drop off site.



NO TEXTILES, BEDDING, RUGS & CARPET

Donate these items if they are in good condition. Large quantities may require special disposal.



NO TANGLERS, HOLIDAY LIGHTS, HANGERS & EXTENSION CORDS

They wrap around equipment and can shut down an entire facility! They all go in the trash.



NO PLASTIC BAGS, FILM/ SHEETING & FLEXIBLE FILM PACKAGING

Take plastic bags back to local grocer to keep bags clean and dry and prevent them from shutting down recycling facilities. Visit plasticfilmrecycling.org to find a drop location near you.



NO PAPER NAPKINS, PLATES, CUPS & TISSUES

Compost if possible, and remember to recycle the cardboard tube.



NO POLYSTYRENE FOAM

Foam and plastic to-go containers are not recyclable curbside. Find drop off programs for items like foam packing peanuts at RecycleMorePlastics.org



NO TIRES, AUTO PARTS & SCRAP METAL

(Not in recycling or trash) Can damage equipment & are safety hazards. Contact your local scrap recyclers or retail tire stores for recycling options, or check RecycleMorePlastics.org for a drop off center near you.



NO CONCRETE, WOOD & CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS

Can damage equipment & are safety hazards. You may be able to schedule a bulky item pickup - otherwise throw it in the trash or order a roll off bin by contacting Waste Management Customer Service.



NO YARD WASTE & WOOD

Compost or put in your yard waste cart, if available. Otherwise it belongs in the trash.



NO NON-RECYCLABLE PLASTIC

Not everything that is plastic is recyclable! Recycle only food & beverage bottles, jugs and tubes.

For more information on recycling, visit RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com



You can help shape the Great Sauk State Trail!

Sauk County and landscape architects HKGi are planning a future route of the Great Sauk State Trail (GSST), the final link in an off-road system that will stretch from Milwaukee to the Mississippi. The goal is to extend the multi-use recreational trail from the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area to Reedsburg, including Devil's Lake State Park, Baraboo, West Baraboo, North Freedom, and Rock Springs along the way.

Public input is important, so consider attending one of the listening sessions below or scanning the QR code to go to the project website (arcg.is/0DCybu0).

For additional information, contact the Sauk County Land Resources and Environment Department at 608-355-3245

Tuesday, April 11 from 4PM-7PM

Reedsburg Area Chamber of Commerce
240 Railroad St., Reedsburg, WI 53959

Wednesday, April 12 from 4PM-7PM

Baraboo West Square Building, Rm 213
505 Broadway, Baraboo WI 53913

